## MR. BROCK'S STATEMENT THE PRINCE EDWARD VOTERS

As I feel that one reading Mr. Ewing's letter, published in a recent issue of the Herald and which is also being sent around the county in circular form, may draw incorrect inferences therefrom not intended by him, I desire to make the following statement:

Mr. Ewing says in this letter that certain parties have taken advantage of the circumstances of his illness two years ago to make the impression that he is in feeble health and that his going to the Legislature would jeopardise his life, and adds that this talk comes from the "other side." I desire to say that I have made no use of Mr. Ewing's health as an argument in my favor in this campaign, and I do not believe that his health has been any more discussed by my friends than his own. Mr. Ewing, since the publication of his letter has assured me that he had no reference to me, but I deem it proper to let the people know so that they may not misunderstand.

Mr. Ewing further states that a high salaried State officer is exerting his influence against him. If against him naturally for me, and I desire to say that this was the first intimation I have had of such a thing, and further than that I am, as far as I know, backed by no outside influence or by any

political faction whatever. That a candidate for the Legislature from this county stands for the improvement of our roads and schools goes without saying. I wish to see these matters handled in such a way as to bring the best results, that the management will be such as to bring equalization of taxation, that each will bear his proportionate share and that there be no burden on anyone. I have for a long time advocated the permanent improvement in our thoroughfares for I feel that when a good system of roads is established and ready communication with the markets and between neighbor and neighbor, it will be but a short while before Prince Edward takes its proper place as the banner county of Southside Virginia.

The cause of the old soldiers is as dear to me as to one of them, and I have unhesitatingly told the voters as I have gone through the county that I favored the most liberal policy towards them in the way of pensions. The only excuse for not looking after them in the past was insufficiency of revenue, but for some years now our revenue has been greatly increased and it is not only the right of the old soldier, but the duty of the State that he come into his own.

The poor pay of the county conservators of the peace is no new matter, and it has been recognized for some time that the present system neither gives these officers their just due nor the people the protection they deserve.

I strongly favor the inauguration of some system of supervision or control which will keep a strict watch on our banking institutions to the end that our depositors shall have some security when they place their money in a bank for safe keeping. A man is entitled to find his money in the bank where he placed it when he calls for it, and not to learn in the hour of need that the institution to which he has entrusted his all has suspended payment. To my mind there is no matter which now demands more imperative atten-

In conclusion I will state that there are a number of matters of not so general interest, but of importance at the same time, that will engage the attention of the next member of the house of delegates, but the discussion of which would render this letter too lengthy. I will say further that I am conducting this campaign solely on my own merits and make no attack on anyone. Though not so fortunate as my esteemed competitor in the experience which the offices of supervisor and treasurer for a great many years have given him, I believe that I have had sufficient business experience to do the work of legislator efficiently, and having been a teacher in the public schools myself I know something of their needs.

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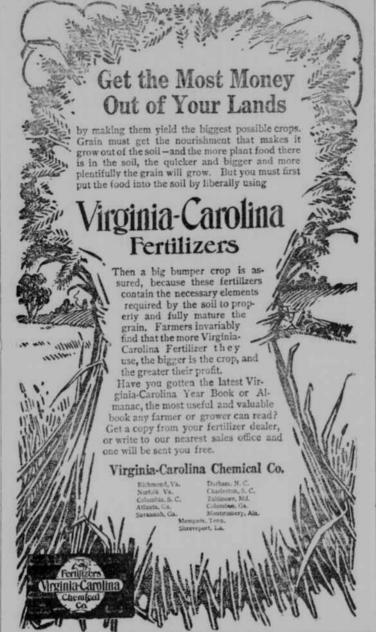
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